

A bill for an act
relating to metropolitan area public transit; modifying provisions related to local
planning and development of transit and providing of financial assistance to
public transit providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 473.382;
473.384, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
473.384, subdivisions 6, 7; Laws 1997, chapter 159, article 2, section 4, as
amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.382, is amended to read:

473.382 LOCAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

The council shall establish a program to ~~ensure~~ facilitate participation by
representatives of local government units ~~and the coordination of in~~ the planning and
development of transit ~~by local government units~~. The council shall encourage the
establishment of local transit planning and development boards by local governments
for the purpose of:

- ~~(a) identifying transit service needs and objectives; within their respective areas.~~
- ~~(b) preparing, or advising and assisting local units of government in preparing the
transit study and service plan required by section 473.384;~~
- ~~(c) preparing or advising the council in the review of applications for assistance
under section 473.384.~~

The council may provide local boards with whatever assistance it deems necessary
and appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section applies in the counties of
Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington and is effective the
day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.384, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Metropolitan area transit service; contracts required.** The council ~~shall~~ may make contracts with eligible recipients for financial assistance to provide transit service within the metropolitan area. The council may not give financial assistance to another transit provider without first having executed a contract. The provisions of this section do not apply to contracts made under sections 473.386 and 473.388.

EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington and is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.384, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Applications.** The council shall establish procedures and standards for review and approval of applications for any financial assistance that may be provided under this section. An applicant must provide the council with the financial and other information the council requires to carry out its duties. ~~The council may specify procedures, including public hearing requirements, to be followed by applicants that are cities, towns, or counties or combinations thereof in conducting transit studies and formulating service plans under subdivisions 4 and 5.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington and is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.384, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Transit study.** The council ~~shall require that prior to applying for financial assistance by contract under clause (a) of subdivision 2, the applicant must prepare and submit a transit study which includes~~ must prepare, and periodically update, transit studies for the metropolitan area that include the following elements:

(a) a determination of existing and future transit needs within the metropolitan area ~~to be served~~, and an assessment of the adequacy of existing service to meet the needs;

(b) an assessment of the level and type of service required to meet unmet needs;

(c) an assessment of existing and future resources available for the financing of transit service; ~~and~~

(d) an assessment of the most cost-effective and efficient means of providing the service; and

(e) the type or types of any new government arrangements or agreements ~~needed to provide adequate service~~ that may be useful in providing transit service in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

~~The transit study for any applicant may be done by the council.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington and is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.384, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Service plan.** The council shall, before making a contract with an eligible recipient, require the submission of a service plan which includes the following elements:

(a) a description of the service proposed for financial assistance, including vehicles, routes, and schedules;

(b) an assessment of the extent to which the proposed service meets the needs as determined by the council's transit study;

(c) a description of the contract administration and review process if the operation of the proposed service is to be done by a private contractor;

(d) a description of the amount required to establish and operate the proposed service and the proposed sources of the required amount including operating revenue, other local sources, and assistance from the council and from federal sources;

(e) the fare structure of the proposed service; and

(f) projections of usage of the system.

The council may specify procedures, including public hearing requirements, to be followed by applicants that are cities, towns, or counties or combinations thereof in ~~conducting transit studies and~~ formulating service plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington and is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.384, subdivisions 6 and 7, and Laws 1997, chapter 159, article 2, section 4 as amended by Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 8, article 2, section 75, are repealed.

4.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section applies in the counties of
4.2 Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington and is effective the
4.3 day following final enactment.